FINAL DRAFT

REGISTRATION OF REFUGEE PARTICULARS

A stage has now been reached when it is necessary to establish a Central Registry of refugee particulars for reasons in addition to the need to reduce the number of ration cards to the real number of genuine refugees.

The register of refugee particulars when completed will consist of a Central Registry with a duplicate copy of each card centrally registered held in the district where the refugee is located. Initially, the registry will be established by transcribing in duplicate, perticulars held on the Agency registration, one card being sent to the Central Office and the other being maintained in the district. At a given date, the old Agency registration will be superseded by the new registration of refugee particulars and therefore all amendments to registration cards will be initiated from the District Office.

The registration card will be on a family basis and will be pre-numbered serially in duplicate, the duplicate copy having a coloured stripe across the top left hand corner. Each male above the age of 18 will, however, have a separate card and will be regarded as the head or potential head of a family. In due time, ration cards and all other documents pertaining to the refugee will bear the serial number of the registration card and the ration cards should correspond with the registration cards in number.

Each registration card will give the following particulars:

a) Registration number (printed on the card). List of family members (including the head), each dependant being numbered A, B, C, etc., giving age, sex and relationship to head of family.
b) Name of the head of family in English and Arabic.
c) Original location in Mandated Palestine.
d) Identity number (the number and type of identification papers carried).

e) Number of dependents.

f) Occupation.

g) Religion.

h) Present location, including serial indication of place where rations are drawn.

The back of the card will be ruled to show details of property claimed in Mandated Palestine or elsewhere, bank deposits, etc., and will also record major periods of employment as a refugee. There will, in addition, be space for the date and initialling of amendments.

Registration cards will be coloured to show the district of present location and if a refugee moves from one location to another, it will be necessary for him to present his old district registration card before he can be registered in the new district.

White for Gaza
Pink for Jordan
Blue for Arab-held Palestine
Green for Syria
Orange for Lebanon
Buff for Israel

The cards will be perforated along part of the upper right hand edge to allow the following information to be extracted mechanically:

First punch hole on the left indicating claim to property.
Second punch hole for agriculturalists.
Third punch hole for unskilled workers.
Last punch hole at the right hand edge for skilled and semi-skilled workers, higher clerical and professional persons.

If the qualification indicated by a punch hole does not apply to the individual, the box containing the punch hole will be torn off. Thus, the cards with all four boxes removed will be the hard core of relief recipients, being both propertyless and unemployable.

The Central Registry when completed will initially sort cards into the village of origin with a view to elimanating duplications by checking against the lists prepared by the Mandate Government, within

this grouping they will be filed alphabetically by agreed transcriptions of family names. The District Registry should be sorted according to the ration point.
